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BASKET III ESSENTIALS

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1. EC-9 PASSED TO US PRIVATELY ON SEPT 17 COPY OF
THEIR PAPER ON BASKET III ESSENTIALS WHICH WE EXPECT
THEY WILL CIRCULATE AT NATO DELEGATION HEADS CAUCUS
THIS AFTERNOON (FULL FRENCH TEXT TRANSMITTED SEPTEL). GENERALLY
SPEAKING, IS MORE REALISTIC IN THRUST THAN
MANY OF BASKET III TEXTS WHICH NINE HAVE TABLED OR
PROPOSE TO TABLE IN CSCE. THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY
OF KEY SECTIONS OF PAPER. WE HAVE NOT SUMMARIZED
PORTIONS DEALING WITH FAMILY CONTACTS, FAMILY
REUNIFICATION, MARRIAGE AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION--
TOPICS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN ADVANCE STAGE OF DIS-
CUSSION IN BASKET III SUBCOMMITTEES AND WHICH HAVE
NOT BEEN AT ISSUE BETWEEN US AND THE NINE.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY:
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HUMAN CONTACTS-TRAVEL-IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW,

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IN GENERAL BUT PRECISE TERMS, THE INTENTION TO REDUCE TRAVEL FORMALITIES TO A MINIMUM AND TO INDICATE IN THE TEXT THAT GREATER FREEDOM OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IMPLIES A CORRESPONDINGLY GREATER FREEDOM OF TRAVEL WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF PARTICIPATING STATES.

3. AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION-THE IDEAL OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO GET A COMMITMENT ON ENDING THE JAMMING OF FOREIGN BROADCASTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY IN RETUN FOR CONCESSIONS (RECOGNITION OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BROADCASTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND ASSURANCES ON THE CONTENT OF SUCH BROADCASTS) WHICH MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE. IT IS NONETHELESS APPROPRIATE TO TRY TO OBTAIN, WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR POLITICAL AND CULTURAL POLICIES, A CONSOLIDATION OF THE PRESENT STATUS QUO (COMMENT: I.E., NO JAMMING OF OFFICIAL BROADCASTS) WHICH REMAINS FRAGILE IN THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT.

4. WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS-THE CONFERENCE SHOULD AGREE THAT JOURNALISTS' REQUESTS FOR VISAS AND FOR WORK AND RESIDENCE PERMITS WILL BE GIVEN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL BE ACTED UPON PROMPTLY. THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD GRANT (FAIRE RECONNAITRE AUX) JOURNALISTS APPROPRIATE FACILITIES FOR TRAVEL, CONTACTS, AND ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS. IT SHOULD INSURE THEM NECESSARY FACILITIES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE IMPORTATION OF THEIR WORKING EQUIPMENT . CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES THAT DELAY, EMASCULATE OR BLOCK COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN JOURNALISTS AND FOREIGN PRESS AGENCIES SHOULD BE SPEEDED UP, LIBERALIZED OR ELIMINATED.

5. ACCESS TO CULTURAL WORKS-ASSURANCES SHOULD BE SOUGHT, IN LANGUAGE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE, ON INCREASING THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF FOREIGN BOOKS IN LIBRARIES AND BOOK STORES AND ON INCREASING IN THE NUMBER OF BOOK STORES WHERE FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS MAY BE SOLD.
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IN ADDIITION, IT APPEARS NECESSARY AND POSSIBLE TO BRING THE USSR TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE THAT PARTICIPANT STATES MAY OPEN THEIR OWN READING ROOMS ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHERS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR OPENING AND ADMINISTERING THESE READING ROOMS SHOULD BE SETTLED BILATERALLY. THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE CONTACTS BETWEEN CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTISTS OF PARTICIPANT STATES.

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6. CULTURAL EXCHANGES-AT MINIMUM, THE CONFERENCE SHOULD AGREE ON LATER MEETINGS OF EXPERTS WITH A MANDATE TO LOWER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED (CUSTOMS DUTIES AND TAXES; TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND DELAYS; PAYMENT PROBLEMS) ON THE MOVEMENT OF CULTURAL OBJECTS.

7. CULTURAL CONTACTS-THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO FACILITATE THE INTERNATIONAL FREE MOVEMENT OF AUTHORS AND PERFORMING ARTISTS, AS WELL AS FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THEIR CONTACTS. THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ALSO UNDERTAKE TO STUDY MEASURES DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF ARTISTS' PROFESSIONAL EARNINGS.

8. EDUCATIONAL CONTACTS-THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL ENCOURAGE DIRECT CONTACTS AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PROFESSORS, RESEARCH WORKERS AND STUDENTS.

9. ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS-THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO ENCOURAGE SUCH ACCESS IN A PRACTICAL WAY. END SUMMARY.
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